

Town Talk

... Being a Column of
Chatter About People
You Know ...

By DOROTHY M. OGDEN

On that sparkling Spring Day which came to the Boro and its environs on Tuesday, I stopped by to say "hi" to the Hanson family. Guess you know that they are the Barclay Company, and a very interesting place the have, too. Mrs. Hansen told me that they have about 4, acres there, and about 75 acres near Norristown, and that they not only handle antiques, but they also do a thriving florist business.

Congratulations to Don MacBride over in Penn Valley. He and Mary Ellen Allen are getting married one of these fine days, and lucky people, they have an apartment over a garage at her mother's house into which they can move! Du-u-no? that she is a nurse up at Bryn Mawr, and Don just got out the service. He grew in the crew of the Five Grand B-24's, about which you heard so much.

Another du-u-no? about the Allen family, this time, is that Mary Allen's father—the late Frank B.—founded the Daddy Allen camp for crippled children in the Poconos, where Mary will work this summer, and her grandfather founded the national society for crippled children.

Elizabeth Hollar called to say that the Boro Business Council is going to meet next Monday night at Arcadia Club—spotted Morris at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week, by the way. Incidentally, she asked me to report Howard Catter asks, "Will everyone please leave his store lights on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, for the Easter holidays?"

This week an ex-mainliner of interest turned up, namely Estelle Poet, who used to live at the corner of School Lane and Montgomery Ave., in Ardmore.

It seems that some years ago when she was vacationing in Nice, France, she stopped by to view the world-famous perfume factories at Grasse. She became so intrigued with the workings of the industry (mostly due to her New Orleans heritage, she admits) that she started to work in one of them. After about six months there, she evolved a formula all her own, and came home to New York to start its manufacture.

During the war, when she could no longer import her ingredients from France, she began manufacturing in Philadelphia at 1943 N. 61st St.

Now that she can import

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Library To Honor Mrs. Robt. F. Wood

Anniversary To Take Form Of Open House And Tea

Mrs. Robert F. Wood, founder and first librarian of the Narberth Community Library, will be a guest of honor at the Library's 25th anniversary to be held April 27 from 4 to 6 P. M.

Plans for the anniversary, which will take the form of an open house and tea, were made at a meeting of the board of directors Monday night, with Dr. Allan G. Chester presiding.

Mrs. Robert Wetherald is in charge of the event and guides will be at hand to point out special features and facilities offered by the library which reached a circulation of 28,139 books in 1945.

Members of the board of trustees and Librarian Elizabeth Tatum will receive guests. Included on the present board besides Dr. Chester are Mrs. Robert Cameron, treasurer; Fanny Loos, secretary; Mrs. Ernest A. Drew, chairman of administration; Mrs. H. A. Jacobs, chairman of planning; Mrs. Samuel J. McCarty, Richard Miller, Ralph Rankin, Mrs. Robert Wetherald, Kenneth L. Pray, Franklin Hutchinson and the Rev. Bryant M. Kirkland.

Other honored guests including co-founders and early volunteer workers will be Mrs. C. W. Bates, Mrs. T. L. Bolton, Ida Budman, Margaret Burrill, Mrs. E. H. Cockrill, Margery Cowin, Mrs. C. R. Custer, Mrs. J. W. Danville, Mrs. E. C. Drew, Mrs. Franklin Dunlop, Mrs. Robert H. Durbin, Mrs. C. T. Farley, Clara Follette, Mrs. Eugene Gilroy, Mrs. William B. Goodall, Mrs. C. H. Hammer, Mrs. Clarence Kaber, Mrs. C. Raymond, Mrs. H. H. Horace Moore, Emma Mueller, Mrs. F. X. Purcell and Mrs. E. C. Town.

11 Narberth Pupils Win Essay Contest

Eleven pupils—ranging from the fourth to eighth grade—in the Narberth Borough Public School have won prizes and honorable mention in the Effects of Alcohol contest, sponsored by the Narberth Women's Christian Temperance Union.

First prize winners were: Phyllis Smith, eighth grade; Mary Jane McLarnon, seventh grade; Robert Sent, sixth grade; Walter Gorin, fifth grade and Nancy Summers, fourth grade.

Honorable mention: Katherine Blum and Walter Byrd, eighth grade; Priscilla Stevenson, seventh grade; Constance Boncy, sixth grade; Dale Poor, fifth grade and Jean Lee Goldsborough, fourth grade.

The W. C. T. U. committee judging the papers was Mr. J. Q. Mackey and Mrs. Edward Stanley, of Narberth.

Final Dividend On Merion Title

Former depositors of the defunct Merion Title and Trust Co. will receive a final dividend of 5.81 percent from the Closed Banks Division of the State Banking Department next month.

Including this payment the Main Line institution, which was closed in the midst of the depression, will have paid its depositors 52 percent on their savings. This will be the sixth dividend payment the depositors have received.

The Merion Title had branch banks in Narberth and Bala-Cynwyd.

Teacher Will Head Narberth P. T. A.

Association Departs From Custom Of Electing Parent

Richard L. Lehman, a teacher of the Narberth Public School, will be head of the Narberth Parent Teacher Association at the coming school year. Lehman is the first teacher of the school to be elected to this post. Parents have heretofore held the position of president.

Serving with him for a one year term that opens in September will be E. Lee Goldsborough, Jr., as first vice president, Mrs. William Hoesele, second vice president, Mrs. B. M. McSevery, secretary, and Samuel Barclay, treasurer. Education Begins at Home was the subject of a talk given by guest speaker, Dr. Ivor Griffith, president of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. Emphasizing that the first six years of a child's life are the most impressionable.

The Rev. R. G. Middleton, pastor of the Baptist Church of the Evangel, pronounced an invocation and included on the program were several musical presentations by pupils of the school with a piano solo by Patty Marshall of the sixth grade and a flute solo by Walter Gorin of grade five. Mrs. W. J. Drennen was in charge of the music for the meeting.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. E. H. Haws

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada L. Haws, who died Tuesday at the Bryn Mawr Hospital, will be held at 2:30 P. M., Friday at her home, 109 Dudley Ave., Narberth. Interment will be held in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Haws, 71, succumbed after an illness of three months. Active in the work of the Narberth Presbyterian Church for more than 40 years, she was a member of the Women's Community Club of Narberth.

She is survived by her husband, Edward S. Haws, former Narberth Postmaster and building contractor, and two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Cooke and Mrs. John C. Nash.

Protest Chitchat Of Garbage Men

The early morning chatter of birds in Spring is the delight of some seem to think. But when it is topped with chitchat by the garbage men as they make their rounds, that is too much.

Anyway complaints of residents about the chitchat have been passed along to the Narberth Borough Council by the water, light and health committee.

Not only that, but the garbage men missed 16 collections during March. They will receive further instructions along this line from councilmen.

Awarded Honors

Van N. Logan, son of Dr. and Mrs. Victor W. Logan of 420 Bryn Mawr Ave., Cynwyd, has been awarded second honors for his work during the second term. This award was won on a basis of receiving no mark below 85.

American Women Make Own Easter Bonnets For Parade In Japanese Concentration Camp

By SARAH P. BROCK

(Mrs. Brock, who lives at 7 N. Drexel Ave., North Ardmore, is president of the Delaware County Writers Club; chairman of the board of trustees of the Manoa Community Library; vice president of the Haverford Township Civic Council and of the Haverford Township League of Women Voters. This story of Easter in a Japanese concentration camp was told to her by one of the inmates, Mrs. Irene Miller, of 130 Poplar Ave., Wayne. Mrs. Miller's husband, H. Wayne Miller, teaches English in the Radnor High School. He formerly taught in the Brent School at Baguio, Philippine Islands, a private boarding school for American, English and Spanish pupils. During their internment, he taught English in the concentration camp.)

Easter, to an American woman, means the same the world over.

Ask any American woman what Easter means and she'll instantly reply, "A new hat, a new dress or suit and a chance to show them off."

That's before she takes a breath and lists the various things that Easter really stands for. It's just second nature for a woman to blossom out in her new finery at the Easter season, when all the earth puts on her gayest colors and shouts that Spring has come again for the world to enjoy. She'd rather be caught dead than to appear in last year's rags, for there's something about the new Easter outfit that lifts a woman's spirits, as well as her pocketbook, as nothing else can. If at no other time in the calendar does she sport new clothes, the Easter splurge is a "Must," no matter how tired her feet from line-standing for nylons or headaches from trying to locate the right hat. Yet she forgets everything when she proudly strolls in Easter parade in a "Heaven" all her own.

No Place to Shop

And that's just what Easter meant to "Bunny"

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NEWEST "IRON HORSE" IN PRR STABLES



This latest addition to the Pennsylvania Railroad's chain of nearly 5000 locomotives is a steam turbine engine. The first of its kind, it travels 100 miles an hour, develops 6900 horsepower, and weighs 500 tons. It's a far cry from the locomotives of 1846, when the Pennsy was first organized. The railroad observed its 100th anniversary last Saturday. (Story on Feature Page.)

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At the residence of Mrs. Samuel Kandel, 246 Stoneway Lane, Merion, two diamond rings and \$200 were taken from Mrs. Kandel's bedroom. One of the rings was her engagement ring. Expensive costume jewelry was rejected.

Entry was gained through the kitchen door. Atlas is owner and co-owner of the Atlas Textile Co., Philadelphia.

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Name Heads of Paper To Be Published

Jay Sharp has been appointed editor and Mary Oliver and Shane Creamer assistant editors of the Township Merionite to be published in the middle of May. Miss Abby Sargent, sponsor of the paper, announced this week.

Jay Sharp is now editor of the Merionite, Lower Merion's school newspapers, and Mary Oliver and Shane Creamer are staff members. Miss Sargent is the sponsor of the Merionite.

The Township Merionite will contain a page from each of the schools in the township.

Executive Board Of Boys Club Disbands

Howard Hatfield Is Director of Narberth Boys' Organization

Members of the executive committee of the Narberth Boys Club voted unanimously to disband at a special meeting held April 4.

The fact that the club was primarily an athletic club for younger boys, and affiliated with the Main Line Federation of Boys' Clubs was the reason given by officials for the disbanding.

The club, together with its equipment and other assets, was turned over to Howard Hatfield, the athletic director of the Club since its inception in 1944.

Hatfield has previously expressed the desire to continue running the athletics of the Club, and in view of his past record with the organization, the directors felt that they should be given the chance.

The men who served as directors are: Otto B. Duer, chairman; John Neely, vice-chairman; Robert Hobson, treasurer, and Lee Terry, secretary.

At the meeting, Hatfield announced that the Club will have a baseball team participating in the schedule of the Main Line Federation this Spring, and will play their home games on the General Wayne field every Wednesday night and Sunday afternoon.

Douglas H. Elliott Junior C of C Head

Main Line Group Held Election of Officers At Meeting April 10

The first scene takes place in Egypt and shows many pyramids and sphinx. The second scene depicts the Parthenon in Greece; the third in Rome, showing the Coliseum. The pupils have cut out paper dolls and put them on cardboard. The play was written by the third graders.

The fourth grade has made a study of Egyptian houses and has made many types of Egyptian houses which have been put into the museum case.

The fifth grade is preparing an album to be sent to Lima, Peru. The pupils are working on flags of different countries. They have also made hygiene booklets, which they have illustrated and which give the story of good health habits. In crafts they are making samples.

The kindergarten's unit at present is transportation. The children have made a wall frieze showing a town and its transportation facilities. They are working on a Paoli Local train in which the seats are made from orange crates.

The home is the first grade's main topic. These pupils are working on a house which has many chairs in it, made by the children.

Officers and directors of the Main Line Junior Chamber of Commerce were elected at a meeting of the new organization held April 10 at the Chateau Colotte, Ardmore.

The officers are: Douglas H. Elliott, president; J. Shipley Troth, vice-president, internal affairs; Joseph R. Keir, vice-president, external affairs; W. H. Harman, Jr., vice-president, personnel; Anson Houghton, vice-president, coordination; E. J. Lindinger, treasurer; William C. Kruse, secretary; John R. Gramman, general counselor.

The directors are: George Atholth, Howard S. Okie, Jr., Gould Decker, William Lynam, Dr. Arthur J. Winham, Jr., Walter Chapel, H. H. Aiken, Jr., Fred Y. Peters, George James, James Owens, Jr. Town directors are: William Madden, C. C. Collins, Jr., Eugene C. Swift, Thomas J. Carbine, Joseph F. Moore, Amos B. Cofiel, Gordon Way, George F. Mohr, Joseph E. Dolan, 3rd, John Stahler.

A charter presentation dinner will be held May 8.

Friends Central Boy Escapes Injury

A Friends Central School student narrowly escaped injury Saturday night when his car turned over and landed right side up on the front lawn of a Merion home.

According to Lower Merion Township police, Adam Riggs, 15, son of Mrs. George Riggs, 103 Highland Ave., Bala, lost control of his car when driving West on Sycamore Ave., Merion. He swerved off the road and over a sidewalk, rolling through a hedge, the car turned over on the lawn of Mrs. Joel B. Davis, 340 Sycamore Ave., Merion.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$250.

Council to Meet

There will be a meeting of the Narberth Borough Council at the Arcadia Club on April 22, Monday evening, at 8:15 P. M.

Records To Be Used In Parking Studies, Committee Reports

State Engineer Will Help With Problems Of Railroad Underpass At Wynnewood Road

The Narberth Borough Council's Traffic Committee is making a survey of parking violations throughout the Borough, it was disclosed this week.

Firemen Routed By 'Skunk'; Find It Was Opossum

Firemen of the Merion Fire Co. of Ardmore beat a hasty retreat from a Wynnewood garage Wednesday noon, when they discovered what they thought was a skunk between the ceiling and the roof.

They had just extinguished a roof fire in the garage of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Albricht, 413 Wister Rd., Wynnewood, and were pulling out joists in the ceiling, when they saw the animal.

Later one of the firemen returned and, upon closer scrutiny, found that the alleged skunk was a very frightened opossum.

He climbed up and rescued the animal and the crew returned to work.

Damage to the garage was estimated at \$200.

Program Planned By Narberth Pupils

Depict Contributions From Other Foreign Countries

Narberth Public School's third grade is planning an auditorium program for next Thursday afternoon, April 19, when the pupils will depict the contributions of other countries in the fields of music, art and conservation. The program will be entitled "Your Land and Mine."

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Lower Merion High's Band and Choir Plan Trip To Johnston

The band and the choir of Lower Merion High School are completing plans to leave Ardmore next week to participate in the State Music Contests which will be held in Johnston on April 26 and 27.

After winning six first places in the preliminary contests held recently in the Lower Merion School, the local students are working out the details of a Spring concert which will help defray the costs of the trip.

The concert will be held May 3 and 4 in the auditorium of the Bala-Cynwyd Junior High School. Contributions have already been received from the Merion Civic Association, the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club, George L. Morris, and Miss Jean Staples.

Both the choir and the band have in past years, won two legs on the State trophies and success in this year's events will give them permanent possession of the cups.

Members of the two groups are: Choir—Sue Althouse, Pat Ballagh, Nancy Beane, John Beemer, Sarle Brown, Arthur Callahan, Wyatt Callahan, Doris Cherskey, Jean Cowie, Lorraine Cucurullo, Jean Gilbert, Anne Cumberston, Peggy Dagit, Carolyn Esby, June Fischman, Nancy Fish, Frances Flint, Betty Gilbert, Courtney Godley, William Gordon, Lillian Grainger, Til Gyorgy, Sybil Hagy, Joan Harsch, Marian Hartman.

Eileen Hickey, Bruce Hooper, Pat Hudson, Fred Jefferson, Nancy Kavanagh, Virginia Keller, William Kuhn, William LaClair, Mary LaClair, William Law, Dave Lewis, Jo Anne Lovatt, Mary Lou Marsh, Richard Marvott,

Band—William Albert, Robert Albrecht, Sheldon Arnold, Jack Bailey, John Baker, Lewis Baldwin, Robert Betts, Ted Blake, Boyce Bond, Sarle Brown, Sam Candelora, Harry Chapman, Robert Cordone, Frank Colburn, Romeo Cordone, Mike Creamer, Shawe Creamer, James Crookes, Thomas Davis, Joe De Lorenzo, John Dever, Chris Earnest, William Epp, George Fern, Norton Fern.

Dave Garrett, Lloyd Gauder, Richard Hartmann, Jonathan Chadley, Ed Hiestand, William Homer, Lon Horsey, Jack Hough, Jack Kendall, Warren Lee, Russell Long, Robert Mancke, William Martin, John Matlawski, Robert Meckelburg, Dave Miller, Robert Moore, George Morris, Ervin Moyer, Thomas Murphy, Thomas Musser, William McCarter, James Neese, Edward Nussle, Jack Fugh.

Morton Rimmerman, Donald Rorke, Robert Sanders, Albert Smith, Henry Smith, Roy Smolens, Robert Squier, James F. Swartz, James M. Swartz, Lewis Thomas, Reuben Tyson, Boyer Velch, Donald Velch, Robert Walckling, Paul Weikel, Joel Weinroth, Donald Williams, Jack Winchell, Philip Young, Levi Zerr, Milton Zimmerman, Jo Lord.

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Windsor and Grayling Avenue
Rev. Bryant M. Kirkland, Pastor
John Van Ness, D. D., Pastor Emeritus
René E. Johnson, Assistant Pastor

FRIDAY
12:00-3:00 P. M.—Community Good Friday Service in the Methodist Church

SUNDAY
8:30 A. M.—Easter Sunday Service. Sermon by the Pastor. Organ prelude three anthems. "By Morning Light." "The Gateways of the Kingdom." "Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

9:45 A. M.—Bible classes for all.
11:00 A. M.—Easter Sunday Service.
11:00 A. M.—Nursery for infants and children.

11:00 A. M.—Junior Church.
4:00 P. M.—Vesper Service. Sacred Concert by the Wheaton College Girls' Glee Club.

Baptist Church of the
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Rev. R. C. Middleton, Pastor.
Howard Beard, Student Ass't. Pastor

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9:45 A. M.—Church School.
10:00 A. M.—Adult Bible Class.
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship Service.
7:00 P. M.—Youth Fellowship.

St. Margaret's Catholic
Church

Rev. James F. Toner, Rector.
Rev. Charles P. O'Connor
Rev. Charles J. Dineen

In residence, Rev. William J. Kane.
Sunday Masses—6:30, 7:30, 9, (Children); 10:15 and two Masses at 11:15; one in the Upper Church and one in the Lower Church.

Call Joint Meeting
To Discuss Parking

The Planning Commission of Lower Merion Township and the parking and plotting Committee of the Lower Merion Board of Commissioners will hold a joint meeting with the Ardmore Merchants Association, the Bryn Mawr Business Association, and the Chamber of Commerce, on Monday evening to discuss the parking situation along the Main Line.

Each organization will contribute its own ideas concerning remedies for existing conditions.

LEGAL NOTICES

ESTATE OF WARREN R. SUPPLEE, late of the Borough of Narberth, Montgomery County, Pa.

Letters testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment, without delay, to

ELEANOR S. SUPPLEE, Executrix,
11 Woodside Avenue,
Narberth, Penna.

Or to her Attorneys:
SCARBOROUGH and HARRIS,
1216 Real Estate Trust Building,
Philadelphia 7, Pa. O.T. 4-4-61.

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Lancaster, Pa.

FRED C. STUEZ,
1509 Land Title Bldg.,
Philadelphia 10, Pa.
Executors.

Or their Attorneys:
CLINTON A. FRANKENFELD,
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AMERICAN WOMEN HAD EASTER BONNETS
EVEN IN JAPANESE CONCENTRATION CAMP

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Miller of Wayne, Pa., and the other American women interned in a Japanese concentration camp on the outskirts of Baguio in the Philippines, half-way around the world. Only they had no attractive stores to lure them on a shopping spree, only time and ingenuity to create something out of nothing and carry on in the good old American tradition, not to be outdone by their sisters at home on the Avenue or on the Boardwalk at Atlantic City.

The Easter Parade came when they were allowed to walk with their husbands for that one hour on Sunday evenings, between six and seven, on the double tennis court inside the compound. It was the hour most looked forward to in the whole week, before the swift darkness closed down and they had to return to their separate barracks. As each had been allowed to bring in only what he could carry, the main essentials were thought of and nothing extra, such as a mosquito bar, blankets, shoes, etc. Blankets were necessary because, although the days were hot, the nights in the mountains were cold. Filipinos provided an assortment of clothing, curtain material from the Country Club and old style dresses of the 1880's. These were distributed to those who needed them most. So some amazing costumes were assembled for their first Easter Parade.

New Bonnets for All
Each woman contrived a new bonnet. Mrs. Miller using a round, woven straw hat, draped with elderberries and a matching fuchsia, tulle veil, loaned by a friend. Another interned wore a basket decorated with a cabbage and carrot and a cardboard bunny tied on with a bright green ribbon. Queen Anne's Lace made a fancy flower trimming for some, while assorted fruits and flowers with added ribbons were arranged by others into charming chapeaux, unrivaled by Lilly Dache herself. An aluminum sauce pan turned backwards with a big bow tied on its handle, served in its new capacity to the delight of the camp. Appropriate dresses and co-ords were borrowed to go with the hats. Precious lipstick and rouge saved for the occasion, completed the ensembles. The men sported their snazziest attire to keep in step with their wives.

Japs Didn't Understand
When the Americans came out with such hats and costumes, the Japs thought they were crazy.

Town Talk
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again, she has begun manufacturing on a large scale at her laboratories in town, and has moved in to make it easier to do the work. Her creations are appearing in the Boro and elsewhere along the Main Line.

AROUND THE TOWN

Fourth grader (at Narberth Public School) Jimmy Ludwig wrote quite a poem in the school paper, The Sun Dial. We reprint it herewith, because we thought it so good.

SPRING TIME

Spring is in the air
Green buds are everywhere
All the snow has gone away
Now we have such sunny days,
Dainty flowers lift their heads,
From their winter heads,
To me there's nothing quite as
sublime.

As the ever welcome gay
Spring-time.

Spotted Mrs. Bob Cameron on her way to the Library meeting on Monday night, looking as purty as a picture.

Met the C. M. Hulls up at H. & H. in Ardmore where they were having dinner. 'Tother Sunday, nite, and they told me that they had just stopped by to get their garden plot from Eva Sargeant.

The Hulls live at the Court, and it looked beautifully groomed on my last visit there. What a wonderful gardener they must have up there. Mrs. Hull tells me that she plants a few flowers along the vegetable patch in the garden, "for the spirit."

Met Mrs. Howard Ziegler over at the Bala-Cynwyd Women Club antique show. She was telling me that Howard Jr. is now out of the service and is serving and working down in Jersey. Guess you knew Howard at Lower Merion—he got out in '37, and was a very bright person, one of the best students in that class.

Our staff photographer, Ed Kehl, took the pictures of the four white kittens we'll find on another page in this week's edition. He said that he'd never sweated so hard, nor so long over a subject in his life. Seems the cats were confined in the buffet room of the home where the photographer. When he arrived, Mrs. John Caruso opened the drawer of the buffet, and out popped the four kittens, scrambling all over one another. (Mr. Caruso is the Ardmore cabinet maker).

Once they got placed on the floor so that Ed could catch them in a good pose, mama cat, "Whitney," decided that she didn't want the children photographed and started to carry them away from the spot he had selected. Every time that he was ready to snap the picture, "Whitney" was off to one side, carrying the kittens back to their drawer. Ed says he's now an expert on any type of animal (close up) photography after that somewhat harrassing experience.

Carl Orthwein (from the Wynnewood House) was telling

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Then the Commandant became suspicious that the Americans had heard some secret good news, when in reality the war news was very depressing at the time. But his anger did not take a virulent form and the parade continued.

The next Easter the men made costume jewelry for their wives to wear, by use of primitive methods. Wayne Miller carved a beautiful bracelet from the bones of a cow which had been sent in for their food. On the plaques he engraved Chinese insignia, meaning health, wealth and good luck, which they needed. It was fastened together with brass wire made from the headlight of a Jap truck. Rings were hammered out of silver centavo pieces. Coconut and bamboo also lent themselves to the ingenious work of the handicraftsmen.

Even Corsages
Orchids and gardenias, which grew in profusion in the hills, were hung by natives on trees by the trail during the dead of night. They were gathered in the morning by the garbage detail on its way to the river dump. These the women wore at the Easter Parade too, their loveliness far excelling those worn by their more fortunate friends in the States.

Later the Red Cross was able to get some things sent into the camp, such as cotton yard goods, a few dresses, play suits, shoes, etc. The yard goods were saved to make into dresses to be worn at what turned out to be the last Easter they spent as prisoners, so that each woman would have a new dress. As little thread was thrown in to make the dresses, "Bunny" Miller and her friends unraveled cotton stockings and used the thread for sewing. Abaca, a native hemp or woven thread, also used in surgery, was substituted at times for the cotton. All string was saved and knitted into short socks for the women and into sweaters for the men, by means of handmade bamboo needles. Many wool sweaters were unraveled and reknit by the women to their own patterns. Socks knitted out of odd bits of yarn outshone Joseph's "coat of many colors."

Each woman constructed her own bamboo clothes pins marked with her initials and polished half coconuts into useful dishes.

An interesting experience, but Mrs. Miller isn't at all sorry to get her Easter, 1946, bonnet at a millinery shop—and to spend Easter with her husband in their Wayne home.

Committee Appointed
To View Complaints

Otto B. Duer, of Forest Ave., Narberth, appointed a committee to investigate and act on any complaint received concerning any Justice of the Peace in Montgomery County at a meeting of the Justice of the Peace Association, held in Pennsburg on April 9.

The six man committee included Walter B. Lowmes, Jr., as chairman, and Duer.

The next meeting of the association will be held in the Cynwyd Mill in Bryn Mawr, on May 14.

Teachers Recovering
School Board Hears

Recovery of four teachers who have been in the hospital was reported at the Lower Merion School Board meeting Monday night.

They are Miss Mary Brindle, Ashland School; Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, teacher of art at the Gladwyne and Bryn Mawr schools; Miss Mary White, teacher of sewing in the Lower Merion Senior High School, and Leon Perkins, teacher in the Ardmore Junior High School.

All are expected to return to teaching soon.

Vet Enters School

Charles C. Pace, Jr., of 39 Chestnut Ave., Bala-Cynwyd, veteran of World War II who served in the Army Air Forces, recently entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.

He is studying electrical engineering under the educational benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Many thanks for all the items and call you have given me for this column. Keep 'em coming, and I'll see you next week, same time, same place.

School Handbook to
Be Revised This Year

The Hand Book Revision Committee of Lower Merion High School began work on the 1947 edition of the handbook this week.

The handbook is given to each student who enters L. M. for the first time, and is revised every two years. The committee was chosen by the Student Council and approved by the English Department.

The members are: Jean DiPelle, Frank Coburn, Frank Haig, Bob Fowler, Bob Lamb, Isabelle Graham, Bob Johnson, Francis Flint. The faculty sponsors are: Miss Elizabeth Frances, Miss Cecilia Gray and John Koons. V. V. Pearce heads the project.

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Local Teachers to
Attend Courses

At the regular meeting of the Narberth Women's Community Club Tuesday afternoon at 2 P. M., Club's Conservation and Garden Committee voted a \$50 scholarship for a teacher at the Narberth School to attend one of the three-week summer courses on Conservation at Pennsylvania State College.

This course is being sponsored and financed under the Executive Directorship of Dr. Henry Klonow, of the Pennsylvania Conservation Education Laboratory for Teachers, the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction, the Dept. of Forest and Waters, the Department of Agriculture, the State Planning Board, the State Game Commission, the State Fish Commission and the Department of Mines. The Narberth Women's Community Club is the first in Montgomery County to vote funds for the purpose of bringing back information collected by all these state agencies to children of their community school.

After the annual reports of committee chairmen were read, election of new officers, whose terms expired this year, was conducted.

New officers are: Mrs. Edwin R. Kirk, second vice-president; Mrs. Chester C. McKibben, treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Williams, recording secretary; Mrs. Henry J. Balzer, Mrs. C. H. McCarter, Jr., Mrs. C. A. Farmer, directors; Mrs. H. A. Jacobs, chairman of tellers; and Mrs. John Idenberg, Mrs. S. Hulme Brown, Jr., Mrs. W. J. Henderson, tellers.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mrs. E. H. Hawes, a charter member of the Club who died at Bryn Mawr Hospital Tuesday.

In keeping with the Easter season, sacred music was sung by Mrs. Katherine Baily Westman, soprano. She was accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. Mildred Baily.

Hostesses for the day were Mrs. C. J. Brunel and Mrs. H. F. Stevens, and Mrs. W. J. Kolb and Mrs. C. William Wren served tea after the meeting.

Hold Honor Society
Election at School

Honor Society elections were held last Tuesday at Lower Merion High School to determine the new junior and senior members of the society.

Candidates were first selected by Charles Kissel, who listed all those with a high average. Then the faculty and their fellow students elected those outstanding for their character, service and leadership.

The result of the election will not be announced until the induction ceremony some time in May. Miss Clare Feller is the sponsor of the society.

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Board Honors
Local Boy Scouts

Main Line Boys Get
Achievement Awards
On April 2

At the Board of Review and Court of Honor for the Main Line District, held last Tuesday night in Ardmore, certificates for advancement were awarded to the following Boy Scouts:

E. A. Fiere, Jr., of Ardmore Troop No. 1 two Merit Badges; John Profilo, of Ardmore No. 2, Second Class; Clarence Wynne, of Ardmore No. 5, Second Class; Richard Aspen, of Bala No. 1, Life Scout; Ralph G. Loen, of Bala No. 3, Life Scout and three Merit Badges; Frank Loen, Bala No. 3, Life Scout; D. Graham, Bala No. 4, two Merit Badges; Francis Garagan, Bala No. 4, one Merit Badge; C. William Berger, Bala-Cynwyd Explorer Post No. 239, Woodsman; Will Thompson, Bryn Mawr No. 1, one Merit Badge.

Also: Kendall Kurtz, Merion No. 2, one Merit Badge; John Le Van, Penn Valley No. 1, Second Class; Bill Greenleese, Penn-Wynne No. 1, one Merit Badge; Christopher Simpson, Penn-Wynne No. 1, one Merit Badge; Bill Buck, Penn-Wynne No. 1, one Merit Badge; Joe Greim, Rosemont No. 1, Second Class; John E. Connelly, Rosemont No. 1, Second Class; Thomas Toland, Rosemont No. 1, Second Class; Tom Little, Penn-Valley No. 1, First Class.

Samuel J. Bunting, Jr., of Cynwyd, chairman of the Court of Honor, spoke briefly, praising each Scout for his achievement.

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